

**2017 Northeast Pasture Consortium Annual
Conference & Meeting, March 2-3, Clarion Hotel
and Conference Center, Hagerstown, MD**
**Conference Theme: "From Pasture to Table - Grass Fed
Livestock Production of Meat and Milk and Its Preparation -
Their Effects on Fatty Acid Composition and Human Health"**

Agenda

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
02-Mar	8:00 AM	Opening Session - Mr. Jim Cropper, Executive Director (Certified Forage & Grassland Professional) presiding, Welcome - Dr. Scott M. Barao, Executive Vice-President, MCA Introduction of Participants Conference Overview
	9:00 AM	Session 1, Part 1 – Cooking Meat effects on Fatty Acid Profiles in Consumed Grass-Finished Meat Products - Moderator, Peggy Tomasula Speakers (confirmed): Dr. Carol Lorenzen , Professor, Meat Science, Animal Science Research Center, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO Dr. Janet Roseland , Dietician and Nutritionist, Nutrient Data Laboratory, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD
	10:00 AM	Break -
	10:30 AM	Session 1, Part 2 – Processing Milk effects on Fatty Acid Profiles in Consumed Grass-Fed Milk Products - Moderator, Dr. Peggy Tomasula Speakers (confirmed): Dr. Peggy Tomasula , Research Leader, Dairy and Functional Foods Research Unit, USDA-ARS, Wyndmoor, PA Dr. Diane Van Hekken , Research Chemist, Dairy and Functional Foods Research Unit, USDA-ARS, Wyndmoor, PA Dr. Michael Tunick , Research Chemist, Dairy and Functional Foods Research Unit, USDA-ARS, Wyndmoor, PA
	12:00 PM	Lunch -
	1:00 PM	Session 2 - Human Health Implications of Consuming Grass-fed Meat and Milk Products - Moderator, Dr. Naomi Fukagawa, Director, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD Speakers (confirmed): Dr. David Baer , Supervisory Research Physiologist, Food Components and Health Laboratory, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD Dr. Daniela Barile , Associate Professor and Chemist, Food Science and Technology, University of California - Davis, CA Dr. Jana Kraft , Research Assistant Professor, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

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	3:00 PM	Break –
	3:30 PM	<p>Research and Education Priorities Spawned by the 2015 NEPC Farmer Survey - Moderator, Ms. Susan Parry</p> <p>Priority Research Areas identified by the Farmer Survey and 2017 Conference Presurvey Discussion by Conference participants Preliminary Reordering of Research and Education Priority Needs</p>
	4:30 PM	<p>Business Meeting, Mr. Jim Cropper, Executive Director presiding</p> <p>Election of Private Sector and Public Sector members-at-large to the Northeast Pasture Consortium Executive Committee</p>
	5:00 PM	Adjourn
	5:30 PM	Dinner – Buffet
	7:00 PM- 9:00 PM	<p>Evening Session - Producer Showcase - Moderator, Dr. Les Vough, Speakers (confirmed):</p> <p>Dr. Scott M. Barao, Executive Director, The Jorgensen Family Foundation, Inc., Hedgeapple Farm, Buckeystown, MD</p> <p>Mr. Mark Seibert, Co-Owner and Operator, Clear Spring Creamery, Clear Spring, MD</p>
03-Mar	7:00 AM	Buffet Breakfast
	8:00 AM	<p>Session 3 – Ruminant Fatty Acid Production with Pastured Livestock - Moderator, to be assigned Speakers (confirmed):</p> <p>Mr. Caleb Goossen and Ms. Melissa Bainbridge, Ph.D. Candidates, Dept. of Plant and Soil Science and Dept. of Animal Science, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT</p> <p>Dr. Andre Brito, Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Dairy Organic Management, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH</p> <p>Dr. Jim Neel, Research Animal Scientist, Forage and Livestock Production Research Unit, USDA-ARS, El Reno, OK</p>
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03-Mar	10:30 AM	<p>Session 4 – Forage Allocation during the Pasture Season to keep yourself, your forage plants, and your livestock happy - Avoiding train wrecks in an uncertain world - <i>Moderator, Mr. Don Wild</i></p> <p>Speakers (confirmed):</p> <p>Dr. Heather Darby, Extension Associate Professor, Department of Plant and Soil Science, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT</p> <p>Mr. Troy Bishopp, Owner and Operator, Bishopp Family Farm, Deansboro, NY</p>
	12:00 PM	Lunch –
	1:30 PM	<p>Session 5 – Mob grazing (Ultra-High Stocking) - Moderator, Dr. Kathy Soder</p> <p>Speakers (confirmed):</p> <p>Dr. Ben Tracy, Associate Professor of Grassland Ecosystem Management, Department of Crop & Soil Environmental Science, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA</p> <p>Mr. Doug Peterson, Iowa and Missouri Regional Soil Health Specialist, Soil Health Division, USDA-NRCS, Des Moines, IA</p>
	3:00 PM	Break –
	3:30 PM	<p>Option 1: Research and Education Priority Needs Revisited based on the Past Two Days presentations. Consortium members continue dialogue.</p> <p>Option 2: Maryland Hay and Pasture Conference attendees proceed to remaining technical session(s). Consortium farmer members may attend session(s) if they desire.</p>
	5:00 PM	Adjourn